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GLOBAL AIRLINES BODY WARNS OF RISING GPS INTERFERENCE

Rising incidents of flights experiencing GPS spoofing and jamming is a safety concern, warns International Air Transport Association (IATA)

PILOTS NEED TO BE MORE VIGILANT: IATA CHIEF

IATA Director General Willie Walsh said incidents of GPS spoofing and jamming require pilots to be more vigilant in terms of operation, because the increase has been very significant. Data from IATA showed the GPS loss rate measured as the number of GPS loss events per 1,000 flights is estimated to be at 59 in 2025 compared to 31 in 2022

RISE IN CASES AT MAJOR INDIAN AIRPORTS

- GPS spoofing and jamming involves manipulating an aircraft's navigation system with false signals, potentially causing it to be misrouted and come dangerously close to other aircraft
- There has been a rise in instances of GPS spoofing and interference at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Chennai airports

1,951

CASES OF GPS INTERFERENCE REPORTED IN INDIA SINCE NOVEMBER 2023

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

12 killed, 29 injured as two gunmen open fire at Jewish event in Sydney

It's an act of evil antisemitism & terrorism, says Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese

AGENCIES

AT least 12 people were shot dead and 29 others, including two police officers, were injured as two gunmen opened fire at a crowd during a Jewish festival in Sydney, Australia on Sunday evening.

One gunman was fatally shot by police and the second was in a critical condition, New South Wales Police Commissioner Mal Lanyon told reporters. He added that police were looking into whether a third gunman was involved in the shooting.

Police said the incident happened when over 1,000 people gathered at Sydney's Bondi Beach for a Menorah lighting, which marks the beginning of the Jewish festival Hanukkah.

As gunfire erupted, crowds fled from the beach. Video footage showed two gunmen with long guns firing from a footbridge leading to the beach.

One clip broadcast on Australian television showed a civilian tackle one gunman by snatching his rifle.

Police said investigators were examining a number of suspicious items recovered from the premises, including several improvised explosive devices found in one of the suspect's cars.

Emergency workers evacuate a victim at Bondi Beach in Sydney. Inset: Videograb of a civilian tackling and disarming a gunman | AP

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese called the attack an act of evil antisemitism and terrorism. "This is a targeted attack on Jewish Australians on the first day of Hanukkah, which should be a day of joy, a celebration of faith," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemned the attack. In a post on X, Modi said, "Strongly condemn the ghastly terrorist attack carried out today at Bondi Beach, Australia, targeting people celebrating the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah."

Former England cricket captain Michael Vaughan, in Australia for The Ashes, wrote on X that he was "locked in a restaurant" at the Bondi beach when the gunmen started firing. He escaped unhurt. **P11**

HIGH ALERT IN INDIA

In view of the terror attack in Sydney, security agencies in India have sounded high alert across Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and other metro cities warning of imminent threat during the festival period of Hanukkah. Sources said agencies have beefed up security and deployed additional manpower to Jewish establishments

ANTISEMITIC ATTACKS ON RISE

Mass shootings are rare in Australia, considered one of the world's safest countries. Sunday's attack was the worst such incident since 1996, when 35 people were shot dead in the state of Tasmania. The Bondi shootout is the most serious in a string of attacks in Australia since the beginning of Israel's war in Gaza in October 2023

Nitin Nabin named BJP's new national working president

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & RAMASHANKAR @ New Delhi/Patna

FOLLOWING NDA's landslide win in the Bihar assembly election, the BJP on Sunday appointed five-term Bihar MLA and minister Nitin Nabin (45) as its National Executive (Working) president, elevating a low-key, next-generation leader amid preparations for elections in key states.

BJP national general secretary Arun Singh issued the notification which said Nabin's elevation was approved by the party's Parliamentary Board, and is effective immediately. The decision, announced hours after Pankaj Chaudhary's election as Uttar Pradesh BJP president, underscores the party's thrust on young, disciplined workers from Bihar. Nabin, who belongs to the Kayastha caste, currently serves as Bihar's road construction minister and BJP in-charge for Chhattisgarh, where his booth-level strategies fuelled a victory. Nabin won the Assembly election from Patna's Bankipur constituency (previously Patna West), defeating Rekha Kumari of the RJD by over 51,000 votes.

Born on May 23, 1980, Nabin entered politics in 2006 through a bypoll after his father, veteran BJP leader late Navin Kishore Prasad Sinha died of a heart attack. Starting with the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) as national general secretary and Bihar president, Nabin built a reputation as a top strategist with strong RSS roots, focusing on outreach among the youth.

WHO IS NITIN NABIN?

45-year-old BJP MLA from Patna's Bankipur, Nabin is known as a low-profile strategist. Is a five-term MLA, Nitish Kumar's road minister, BJYM veteran, was Chhattisgarh in-charge who scripted a victory

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated him on X, praising Nabin as a "hardworking karyakarta" with "rich organisational experience."

Party sources see Nabin's elevation as something bigger than what meets the eye, potentially paving Nabin's path to full national president by mid-2026Nabin's rise stresses on BJP's onus on its trust in silent performers over mass appeal.

Incumbent national president J P Nadda's term had ended in 2024, but BJP extended his tenure for the Bihar poll.

DIRTY WATER

Nearly 700km of rivers in state polluted

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

A total of 693.75 km stretch of rivers across the state are polluted and water is being supplied to cities and towns from these polluted rivers.

Untreated water discharged from households in urban and rural areas is flowing into rivers, significantly degrading the quality of water. Arkavati, Lakshana Teertha, Tungabhadra, Bhadra, Tunga, Cauvery, Kabini, Kagina, Krishna, Shimsha, Bheema and Netravati are the polluted rivers and so far, 112 polluted drainages along these rivers have been identified.

Replying to a question from Thirthahalli MLA Araga Jnanendra, Forest, Environment and Biodiversity Minister Eshwar Khandre said rivers are classified into five categories, P1 to P5, based on biochemical oxygen demand levels with P1 being the most polluted. Rivers with BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) levels above 30 mg per litre fall under the P1 category. Arkavati has been classified as P1, while no rivers fall under P2 and P3 categories. Tungabhadra, Bhadra and Shimsha are under P4, while eight other polluted rivers are classified under P5.

Khandre said domestic wastewater from municipalities, towns and villages along riverbeds is being discharged into at least 17 rivers, identified by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). **P4**

Victim goes to HC against Murugha seer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chitradurga

THE victim in the alleged POCSO case against Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru of Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga has approached the Karnataka High Court. The victim, through her advocate Srinivas DC, has filed a criminal appeal (CRL A 2498/2025) against the judgment delivered by the Second Additional District Judge Channabasappa Hadapad on November 26.

The victim has filed the appeal against the state represented by the police, Murugha Sharanaru, hostel warden Rashmi and Mutt's former secretary Paramashivayya.

The lower court had ruled that there was no evidence of sexual assault in the medical report and that pieces of evidence given by the victims before doctors and the magistrate are contradictory. The court had also found that there was a property dispute between Swamy Sharanaru and one Basavarajan for the last 15 years, which weakened the case.

The court said the case registered against the seer was a conspiracy. "The statements given by the victims do not match each other. Though former MLA and manager of the mutt SK Basavarajan has stated that he has given evidence and photos to the SP regarding the incident, the same has not been brought before the court during the trial," the judgment read. **P3**

Bangladesh summons Indian envoy over Hasina's comments

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

BANGLADESH summoned the Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma on Sunday to convey its concerns over what it described as "incendiary statements" by fugitive political figures, including former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who are currently in India.

The interim government expressed "serious concern" over Hasina's continued public statements, alleging that these were encouraging her supporters to engage in violent acts aimed at disrupting the upcoming parliamentary elections slated for February next year.

It urged India to take immediate steps to stop such activities and extradite those allegedly involved.

It also sought India's cooperation in preventing suspects linked to the recent attempted assassination of Sharif Osman Hadi, an independent candidate for the Dhaka-8 constituency, from fleeing to Indian territory. Dhaka requested that, should any of the suspects enter India, they be apprehended and extradited without delay.

Student leader critical

The Indian envoy was summoned two days after Sharif Osman Hadi, one of the student leaders from the July-August 2024 protests, was shot in the head. He is critical. Hadi leads the right-wing Inquilab Mancha

Stating that India is a close neighbour, the Bangladeshi foreign ministry said it expected New Delhi to support the people of Bangladesh in upholding justice and protecting democratic processes.

New Delhi rejected the allegations and reiterated that India has never permitted its territory to be used for anti-Bangladesh activities.

"We have consistently reiterated our position in favour of free, fair, inclusive and credible elections being held in Bangladesh in a peaceful atmosphere," the Ministry of External Affairs said. "India has never allowed its territory to be used for activities inimical to the interests of the friendly people of Bangladesh," it added.

The Awami League has rejected the elections saying the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus will not be able to hold the polls in a free and normal environment.

MEETING OF GODS

Football legend Lionel Messi along with Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar during an event at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Sunday. Tendulkar presented Messi with his signed ODI jersey on the occasion in front of packed stands | PTI

WORLD CHAMPIONS AT HOME

IN THEIR FIRST-EVER FINAL APPEARANCE, INDIA WENT ON TO WIN THE SQUASH WORLD CUP IN CHENNAI ON SUNDAY. A LOOK...

Dominant run to the final

In their route to the final, India saw off Switzerland, Brazil in the group stages, South Africa in the quarterfinals — all without a scratch. Their semi-final tie against Egypt, was the most gruelling tie for the hosts but once they reached the final there was no stopping them

Fulfilling destiny

In the summit clash against Hong Kong, veteran Joshna Chinappa stunned world No. 37 Lee Ka Yi 3-1 (7-3, 2-7, 7-5, 7-1) to give India a perfect start. Abhay Singh outplayed Alex Lau 3-0 (7-1, 7-4, 7-4) before Anahat Singh blanked Tomato Ho 3-0 (7-2, 7-2, 7-5) to seal the title.

Third time is the charm

Since 2011, Chennai has hosted this event twice and on both occasions Egypt won (2011 and 2023). India's best finish, before Sunday's victory, was a shared third-place finish with Japan in 2023. In 2011, India finished outside the podium positions.

INDIA BEAT SA

TAKE 2-1 LEAD IN 5-MATCH SERIES

A clinical show by the pacers helped India beat South Africa by seven wickets in the third T20 International. After the visitors were bundled out for a below-par 117, the Indian batters chased down the target with 25 balls to spare | **P13**

1931-2025

Veteran Congress leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa passes away at 94

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

DAVANAGERE South MLA and former minister **Shamanur Shivashankarappa** passed away at 6.20pm at Sparsh Hospital, Bengaluru. He was 94.

Hospital Chairman Dr Sharan Shivaraj Patil told TNIE that Shivashankarappa was admitted on October 23 with a severe lung infection and renal failure. He had complained of severe breathlessness and had been on continuous oxygen support ever since. "He developed multi-organ failure and breathed his last this evening," he said.

For months, the veteran leader -- India's oldest sitting legislator -- had been battling frail health, moving in and out of hospital. He was treated by a multidisciplinary team of pulmonologists, nephrologists, urologists, cardiologists, physicians and intensivists. TNIE had visited him twice during his hospitalisation, where the man revered as 'Appaji' still commanded the room with quiet authority. His last rites will be held at 5pm Monday in Davanagere. Thousands of people are expected to attend the veteran leader's funeral.

As the all-powerful National President of the Akhil Bharat Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha, six-time MLA, one-time MP, former minister and long-serving Pradesh Congress treasurer, Shivashankarappa strode the political sphere for over half a century. Widely regarded as the 'supreme leader' of the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha, Shivashankarappa remained politically relevant well into his nineties.

He wielded influence that cut across party lines and generations. Born in Davanagere into a modest family, Shivashankarappa scripted a rise few could rival. His imprint extended far beyond politics. Through the Bapuji Educational Association, he transformed Davanagere, once known as the 'Manchester of Karnataka', into a major education hub, founding engineering and medical colleges that reshaped the district. **MORE: P6**

EXPRESS READ

Rahul vows to remove 'Modi-RSS' govt

New Delhi: Alleging that 'vote chori' is in the BJP's DNA, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said his party stood with 'satya' (truth) and vowed to remove the "Narendra Modi-RSS government" from power. Addressing the party's 'Vote Chor Gaddi Chhod' rally at the Ramlila Maidan here, he launched a scathing attack on the Election Commission, alleging that it was working for the BJP | **P9**

Two Indian-origin youth shot dead in Canada

Chandigarh: Two Indian-origin youth hailing from Punjab were shot dead in southeast Edmonton, Canada by unidentified persons early on Friday. The duo were reportedly on their way to attend a friend's birthday celebrations when unidentified persons opened fire at them. The Edmonton Police Service believes the incident was a targeted attack and has launched an investigation | **P10**